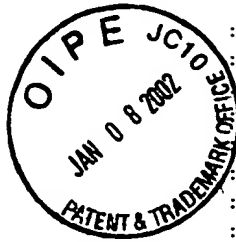


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Alfredo Nicosia, et al  
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The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of One (1) month beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The proper fee under 37 CFR §1.17 is enclosed.

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[ ] No Additional Fee is required.  
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